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Long Beach Man Sentenced to Prison for Child Sex Assaults

A 45-year-old man convicted of sexually assaulting two young girls was sentenced today to 24 years and eight months to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

In November, William Edward Burch of Long Beach was found guilty by a jury of oral copulation with a child 10 years old or younger, using a minor for sex acts, child molesting and lewd act upon a child in case NA094908.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Tomson T. Ong also ordered the defendant to register as a sex offender for life.

Deputy District Attorney Kelly Kelley, who prosecuted the case, said in October 2011, Burch sexually assaulted a 4-year-old girl.

Two years later, the defendant molested a 9-year-old girl, the prosecutor said. Soon after the second incident, police were notified and Burch was arrested in connection with the crimes.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.